

Amendments to the Abstract:

In the English translation document, please add the section heading at page 20 line 1, as follows:

--ABSTRACT--

Please amend the paragraph of the English translation document at page 20 line 1, after the newly added ABSTRACT, as follows:

The invention pertains to a seal element for sealing a gap, in particular within a turbo-machinery, between a first component and a second components spaced apart from each other, said first component having a first surface and said second component having an opposing second surfaces. The seal element comprises a support structure and a sealing structure covering at least partially said support structure. The support structure comprises at least two contacting members, each contacting member serves for putting a portion of the sealing structure in contact with one of the surfaces and being capable of following a deformation of said surface. The invention further pertains to a combustion turbine, wherein a gap is formed between a first surface and a second surface, which gap is sealed off by said seal element.